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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THURSDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED NIXON EXTOLS
PEACE IN POST-SUMMIT TV TALK; ALSO NIXON-BREZHNEV
DELAY KEY ARMS CURBS UNTIL 1985; NYTIMES FRONTPAGED SOVIET
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AGAIN CUTS TV NEWS FOR US; BALTSUN FRONTPAGES PARKS MOSCOW,

SUMMIT FAILURE PRESAGES NEW WEAPONS RACE; WASHSTAR FRONT-PAGED SCHLESINGER SAYS ATOMIC TEST WILL CONTINUE UNTIL DEADLINE IN PACT, ASSUMES RUSSIANS WILL DO SAME. SOME COMMENT.

1A. INSIDE THURSDAY PAPERS CARRIED SUNDRY TEXTS OF AGREEMENTS AND COMMUNIQUE; ALSO SCHLESINGER REBUTS KISSINGER ON PENTAGON IMPEDING ARMS TALKS; NYTIMES REPORTED AGREEMENT ON NEW CONSULATES NEW YORK AND KIEV; PLUS BRITISH PLAN TO COMPLY WITH ATOMIC PACT.

1B. FRIDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE KISSINGER TELLS OF MOSCOW STALEMATE; NYTIMES FRONTPAGES FINNEY, NUCLEAR CLUB COULD ADD 24 NATIONS IN TEN YEARS, FINNEY CITING ACDA OFFICIALS; BALTSUN FRONTPAGES WALDHEIM ASKS LIMIT TO ATOMIC TESTS; WASHSTAR FRONTPAGES KISSINGER HOPEFUL ON ARMS ACCORD BY

1977. INSIDE WASHPOST HAS DIPLOMATS TOAST FOURTH OF JULY IN VIENNA.

2. VIENNA STORY. FRIDAY WASHPOST VIENNA REUTER REPORTS NATO AND COMMUNIST DIPLOMATS DRANK CHAMPAGNE TOASTS AT THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON TROOP REDUCTIONS TO CELEBRATE US INDEPENDENCE DAY BUT REPORTED A CONTINUING STALEMATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. REUTER ADDS THAT 19-NATION CONFERENCE, STALLED ON ALL BASIC ISSUES SINCE IT STARTED EIGHT MONTHS AGO, WILL RECESS ABOUT JULY 18 FOR A TWO-MONTH SUMMER BREAK, OFFICIALS SAID.

3. MOSCOW STORIES. THURSDAY NYTIMES HERBERS REPORTED SUMMIT LEADERS, UNABLE TO DEVISE A PERMANENT AGREEMENT ON LIMITING OFFENSIVE ARMS, SIGNED A COMMUNIQUE COMMITTING THEIR COUNTRIES TO NEGOTIATE A NEW INTERIM ACCORD THAT WOULD EXPIRE IN 1985, HERBERS ADDING THAT KISSINGER SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT EVEN THE NEW INTERIM ACCORD WAS UNLIKELY TO BE REACHED BEFORE NEXT YEAR AT EARLIEST, KISSINGER SAYING BOTH SIDES HAVE TO CONVINCE THEIR MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE BENEFITS OF RESTRAINT. HERBERS REPORTED TESTING TREATY PROHIBITS UNDERGROUND TESTS EXCEEDING 150 KILOTONS, ALSO SALT DELEGATIONS WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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RECONVENE IN GENEVA AROUND AUGUST 1 TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON BASIS OF INSTRUCTIONS GROWING OUT OF SUMMIT MEETING ALTHOUGH OFFICIALS SAID THAT, CONTRARY TO AMERICAN HOPES, THE TWO LEADERS HADN'T AGREED ON A COMMON MANDATE TO THEIR NEGOTIATORS. COMMUNIQUE ALSO EXPRESSED LEADERS' HOPES THAT CSCE COULD BE CONCLUDED AT AN EARLY DATE WITH A MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE. ACCORDING HERBERS, AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID QUESTION OF

EAST-WEST FORCE REDUCTIONS HAD NOT BEEN DEALT WITH IN ANY SIGNIFICANT DETAIL, AND THE AMERICANS FEEL IT IS TOO EARLY FOR HARD BARGAINING ON THAT.

3A. THURSDAY BALTSUN PARKS SAID THE ARMS-CONTROL AGREEMENTS SIGNED AT SUMMIT WILL DO LITTLE TO CHECK EITHER COUNTRY'S CURRENT PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP AND DEPLOY NEW, MORE DEADLY WEAPONS, PARKS ADDING THAT EFFECTIVE LIMITATIONS PROVED IMPOSSIBLE FOR NEITHER WASHINGTON NOR MOSCOW SUFFICIENTLY TRUSTS THE OTHER AT PRESENT TO LIMIT ITS ARMS-BUILDING EFFORTS IN ANY SUBSTANTIAL WAY AND EACH IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING A NEW GENERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT CURRENT AGREEMENTS ARE DIRECTED TOWARD CURBING DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF MORE POWERFUL WEAPONS 5, 10, AND 15 YEARS FROM NOW. ACCORDING PARKS, THE WORLD WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE ARMS RACE FOR SOME YEARS MORE IN HOPE THAT THE DEVELOPING WEAPONS WILL GIVE THEM CONFIDENCE TO NEGOTIATE FUTURE ARMS

CONTROL AGREEMENTS. PARKS QUOTES KISSINGER SAYING TWO LEADERS DECIDED PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF DISCUSSIONS WOULD NOT BE ON A BRIEF EXTENSION OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT TIED TO AN EQUALLY BRIEF AGREEMENT ON MIRVS BUT TO SEE WHETHER THE THREE FACTORS OF TIME, QUANTITY OF LAUNCHERS AND QUANTITY OF WARHEADS CAN BE RELATED IN A MORE STABILIZING FASHION OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME, THAT IS BY 1985. PARKS ALSO NOTED IMPORTANT SOVIET CONCESSIONS: 1, ON-SITE INSPECTION OF PEACEFUL EXPLOSIONS; 2, A PARTIAL RATHER THAN COMPLETE BAN ON UNDERGROUND TESTING, THUS EASIER TO POLICE AND NOT PUTTING PRESSURE ON CHINA TO HALT ITS TESTING PROGRAM. WASHPOST OSNOS SOMEWHAT UNCLASSIFIED

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SIMILAR.

4. WASHINGTON STORIES. THURSDAY WASHPOST GETTLER-OTOOLE REPORTED SCHLESINGER SAID HE FULLY SUPPORTS THE NEW ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS AND REJECTED SUGGESTIONS THAT THE PENTAGON OR US MILITARY COMMANDERS MAY HAVE STOOD IN THE WAY OF REACHING MUCH MORE SIGNIFICANT ACCORDS. STORY REPORTS SCHLESINGER WAS JOINED AT NEWS CONFERENCE BY DR. IKLE OF ACDA, BOTH SAYING THEY FELT BOTH TESTING AND ABM AGREEMENTS REPRESENTED SIGNIFICANT STEPS, AND SCHLESINGER WARNED AGAINST BECOMING IMPATIENT WITH THE PACE OF ARMS CONTROL, SAYING THAT ANYTHING THAT CAN SUSTAIN THE DIALOGUE IS DESIRABLE, ALSO STATING THAT ADMINISTRATION HAD BEFORE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE MANAGED TO PUT TOGETHER AN AGREEMENT WITHIN THE

GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE GENERAL APPROACH TO BE TAKEN
IN MOSCOW.

5. KISSINGER. FRIDAY WASHSTAR HAS PARIS AP REPORTING
KISSINGER TOLD NEWS CONFERENCE AT NATO HEADQUARTERS THAT
NIXON PRESENTED SOME NEW APPROACHES TO BREZHNEV AND
KISSINGER EXPRESSED OPTIMISM FOR A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT TO
LIMIT OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, KISSINGER ADDING HIS
REASON FOR OPTIMISM IS THAT THE PERCEPTION BY BOTH
SIDES OF THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM HAS GREATLY IMPROVED
AS RESULT OF SUMMIT TALKS.

6. TESTING. THURSDAY WASHPOST LONDON STORY REPORTED
BRITAIN WILL CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND BY THE SOVIET-AMERICAN
TREATY LIMITING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTING, ACCORDING
FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH NOTED BRITAIN CANNOT
SIGN TREATY BECAUSE IT IS BILATERAL. STORY ADDS A COMMUNI-
QUE SAID BRITISH WERE PLEASED THAT THE UNDERGROUND TEST
TREATY WAS AIMED AT AN EVENTUAL BAN ON ALL TESTING. STORY
ADDS PAKISTAN'S NAIK SAID IN GENEVA THAT BANNING EXPLOS-
IONS ABOVE 150 KILOTONS TWO YEARS HENCE IS TOO LITTLE AND

TOO LATE; NISIBORI SAID: WE WANTED TO HAVE A LITTLE
MORE THAN THIS--150 KILOTONS IS PRETTY BIG; INDIA'S
TEST WAS ONLY 15 KILOTONS.
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6A. FRIDAY BALTSUN FRONT PAGED GENEVA NYTIMES SERVICE
STORY REPORTING KURT WALDHEIM EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE US
AND USSR WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN EXTENSIVE NUCLEAR TESTING
BEFORE ACCORD TAKES EFFECT IN 1976. SECRETARY GENERAL
WAS ANSWERING QUESTIONS AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, EXPRESSED
DISAPPOINTMENT THAT LIMIT WAS SO HIGH, STRESSED
IMPORTANCE OF PROMISED ACCORDS ON HOW TO DISTINGUISH
NUCLEAR TESTS FROM EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. SISCO

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